

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

STEVEN WAYNE BONILLA,
Plaintiff,

v.

JUDGE JOSEPH C. SPERO, et. al.,
Defendants.

Case Nos. [21-cv-00651-PJH](#)
[21-cv-00652-PJH](#)
[21-cv-00654-PJH](#)
[21-cv-00655-PJH](#)
[21-cv-00656-PJH](#)
[21-cv-00657-PJH](#)
[21-cv-00658-PJH](#)
[21-cv-00659-PJH](#)
[21-cv-00660-PJH](#)
[21-cv-00661-PJH](#)
[21-cv-00662-PJH](#)
[21-cv-00676-PJH](#)
[21-cv-00677-PJH](#)

**ORDER DISMISSING MULTIPLE
CASES WITH PREJUDICE**

Plaintiff, a state prisoner, has filed multiple pro se civil rights complaints under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff is a condemned prisoner who also has a pending federal habeas petition in this court with appointed counsel. See *Bonilla v. Ayers*, Case No. 08-0471 YGR. Plaintiff is also represented by counsel in state court habeas proceedings. See *In re Bonilla*, Case No. 20-2986 PJH, Docket No. 1 at 7.

In these civil rights cases plaintiff names as defendants' various federal and state court judges. Plaintiff presents very similar claims in these cases. He seeks relief regarding his underlying conviction or how his various pro se habeas petitions and other cases were handled by the state and federal courts.

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1 To the extent that plaintiff seeks to proceed *in forma pauperis* (IFP) in these cases,
2 he has been disqualified from proceeding IFP under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g) unless he is
3 "under imminent danger of serious physical injury" at the time he filed his complaint. 28
4 U.S.C. 1915(g); *In re Steven Bonilla*, Case No. 11-3180 CW; *Bonilla v. Dawson*, Case
5 No. 13-0951 CW.

6 The allegations in these complaints do not show that plaintiff was in imminent
7 danger at the time of filing. Therefore, he may not proceed IFP. Moreover, even if an
8 IFP application were granted, his lawsuits would be barred under *Heck v. Humphrey*, 512
9 U.S. 477, 486-87 (1994), *Younger v. Harris*, 401 U.S. 37, 43-54 (1971), *Demos v. U.S.*
10 *District Court*, 925 F.2d 1160, 1161-62 (9th Cir. 1991) or *Mullis v. U.S. Bankruptcy Court*,
11 828 F.2d 1385, 1393 (9th Cir. 1987). Accordingly, the cases are dismissed with
12 prejudice.

13 Furthermore, these are not cases in which the undersigned judge's impartiality
14 might be reasonably questioned due to the repetitive and frivolous nature of the filings.
15 See *United States v. Holland*, 519 F.3d 909, 912 (9th Cir. 2008) (absent legitimate
16 reasons to recuse himself or herself, a judge has a duty to sit in judgment in all cases
17 assigned to that judge).¹

18 The clerk shall terminate all pending motions and close these cases. The clerk
19 shall return, without filing, any further documents plaintiff submits in these closed cases.

20 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

21 Dated: January 29, 2021

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24 /s/ *Phyllis J. Hamilton*
PHYLLIS J. HAMILTON
25 United States District Judge
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27 ¹ Plaintiff names the undersigned as defendant in one of these cases. Case No. 21-cv-
28 00657-PJH. The brief complaint raises no specific allegations against the undersigned
and is frivolous. Plaintiff does not seek recusal, nor is recusal warranted in light of the
frivolous nature of the case.